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BANK CLOSED.

Failure Due to Losses Sustained Upon Excessive Loans.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Nov. 25.—The Big Bend National bank of Davenport, Wash., has been closed by direction of the United States comptroller of the currency. National Bank Examiner Wilson has been appointed receiver.

The failure, according to a statement issued by the comptroller, is due to losses sustained upon excessive loans, principally to mining interests with which the officers of the bank are identified.

ELEVEN MEN DROWNED.

Four-Masted Schooner Turned Turtle on Her Maiden Trip.

(Associated Press.)

Laurel, Del., Nov. 24.—News reached here yesterday that the four-masted schooner Judge Boyce, built for Laurel capitalists, turned turtle off the cape during the storm of November 13th, and its master, Captain M. Bekridge, and crew of ten men, were lost.

The Boyce was built at Bath, Me., at a cost of \$50,000, and was en route to Savannah, Ga., on her maiden trip.

JAPANESE ORDERED TO RENEW ATTACK

The Main Fortifications Around Port Arthur Have to Be Taken at Any Cost.

Guns of Besieging Army Have Been Playing Havoc With Defensive Works—Prisoners State Effective Strength of Garrison Does Not Exceed Eight Thousand.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Nov. 25.—The Associated Press learns on excellent authority that the Japanese army has been ordered to renew its attack on Port Arthur to-day, and to take the main fortifications at any cost.

JAPANESE LOSSES IN FIGHTS IN AUGUST.

New York, Nov. 25.—A Tokyo dispatch to the Times says:
"The publication of unofficial news from Port Arthur is no longer prohibited in Tokyo.

"The besiegers are progressing rapidly in spite of numerous petty sorties, nearly all of which are made at night.

"A leading journal, which deprecates haste inasmuch as it says that the end is certain in the near future, reflects the national mood, which is calm and confident.

"The prospect of the arrival of the Baltic fleet causes much exhilaration among the men of Admiral Togo's squadron, who are longing to exchange the monotony of the blockade for a decisive fight.

"Lists published in Tokyo of the casualties sustained in the attacks on the permanent fortresses, from August 19th to August 24th, total 14,400, including 550 officers, 200 who were killed.

"Prisoners state that the effective strength of the garrison does not exceed 8,000 men, of whom only one-third are provided with winter clothing.

"There are numerous low cases of ophthalmia owing to want of sleep.

"The number of Russians killed in battle and from dysentery from October 26th to November 12th, is given as 2,000."

WILL SOON BE IN HANDS OF JAPANESE.

Tokio, Nov. 25.—It is reported that the Japanese saps, directed against Rihlung mountain, Sungshu mountain, and East Keekwan mountain, have reached the base of the centre ditches.

The defensive works outside the parapets of Rihlung mountain and Sungshu mountain have been captured, leaving the Russians in possession of the parapets only.

The Japanese guns are shelling the parapets, and inflicting heavy damage.

The occupation of the forts is expected shortly.

If the forts are taken, the capture of Port Arthur proper seems to be assured within a short time.

WILL ENABLE JAPS TO MOVE AGAINST BATTERIES.

Headquarters of the Japanese army before Port Arthur, Nov. 23, via Fusan, Nov. 25.—The possession of the Rihlung and Keekwan forts enables the Japanese to place a sufficient force on the north front of the eastern ridge of forts to execute a sweeping movement against the battery positions on the crest of the western ridge of the forts and 208 Metre hill, which as yet they have not captured.

RUSSIANS ACTIVE IN FRONT OF OKU'S ARMY.

Field Headquarters of Gen. Oku's Army, Nov. 23, via Fusan, Nov. 25.—The Russians are showing some activity in front of Gen. Oku's army.

At dawn to-day detachments attacked in two places, the left and centre divisions. The centre repulsed the attack immediately, and the left did also after a hard fight.

As a result of the repulse the Japanese occupied Pouten.

The Russians left many dead on the field.

CASUALTIES DAILY FROM RIFLE FIRE.

Gen. Kuroki's headquarters in the field, Nov. 24, via Fusan, Nov. 25.—The reports cited during the past week in the Eastern papers and probably exaggerated abroad to the effect that Gen. Kouroupatkin, in making general advance had pushed back the Japanese left a distance of three miles, are wholly unfounded.

During the last month, both armies have doubtless strengthened their defence, and accumulated supplies in that time. The Russians confine their reconnaissance in front of the Japanese left, but there has been no general engagement or change in the Japanese entrenched position. The Japanese continue to ignore the daily shelling, which takes place in front of the central army.

In many places the whole line of trenches are so close that the Japanese can draw fire at any time by displaying caps and rags on sticks. A few casualties result daily from rifle fire.

RUSSIAN SHIPS IN THE SUEZ CANAL.

Port Said, Nov. 25.—A division of the second squadron, which arrived yesterday, has entered the canal.

Local representatives of Russia are accompanying the squadron on board the flagship.

The ironclads are being towed through the canal. No untoward incident occurred here.

DENIES JAPS VISITED SCANDINAVIAN PORTS.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 25.—The minister of Sweden and Norway in a letter published in the Journal de St. Petersburg to-day denies in the most formal manner that any Japanese naval officers ever visited Scandinavian ports for the purpose of chartering steamers to transport mines or other explosive engines.

KOUROPATKIN REPORTS ANOTHER QUIET NIGHT.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 25.—A telegram received from Gen. Kouroupatkin, under to-day's date, says all was quiet at the front last night.

STEAMER IRIS SANK.

Went Down in Twenty Fathoms of Water at Entrance to Vancouver Harbor.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Nov. 25.—The steamer Iris, plying between Vancouver and Texada Island ports, was lost last night in the Narrows at the entrance to Vancouver harbor.

She was outbound, bucking the incoming tide when she touched on Capilano sand bar, just opposite Prospect Point.

Half a dozen passengers were quickly removed to shore, and the captain and mate got ashore on a log boom.

Just as the vessel was being raised by the incoming tide she was carried into deep water and sank in at least 20 fathoms of water.

The steamer New England, inbound, picked up the passengers and crew. One passenger lost \$300 in cash.

The vessel was worth \$10,000, but may be raised.

LADYSMITH NOTES.

Additional Teachers for the City School—Court of Revision.

(Special to the Times.)

Ladysmith, Nov. 25.—Ladysmith now has a school attendance of more than 500, with 8 teachers. Two more teachers will be added after Christmas. In an interview last night School Inspector Stewart, now here on an official tour of the district, said the average now of over 62 to a teacher was far too large, and while the two rooms now building may be sufficient for the present attendance, more accommodation will be necessary for any increase.

Judge Harrison presided at the Court of Revision for South Nainaimo district yesterday, the only appeal being that of the Western Fuel Company, who claim that their properties, chiefly wild land, have been taxed too high. The difference in all will aggregate about \$2,000. The appeal was partially heard, and is being continued at Nainaimo to-day.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN CONVENTION.

Signed by Foreign Minister Lamsdorff and Ambassador Harding.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, Nov. 25.—5.30 p. m.—The North Sea convention was signed at the foreign office this afternoon by Foreign Minister Lamsdorff and Ambassador Harding.

The convention contains eight articles on the lines already published, embodying an amendment required by Russia to article two, providing that the commission shall determine the degree of blame by the addition of the words "subjects of either power or state." The convention heretofore announced by the Associated Press designates the Emperor of Austria to appoint a fifth commissioner in case the four naval officers disagree.

HAZING BY STUDENTS.

Young Man Said to Have Been Paralyzed From Hips Downward.

(Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Nov. 25.—The Examiner to-day tells a story of hazing practiced by students of the Hopkins Institute of Art in this city, which in one case, it is claimed, has resulted in serious injury to the youthful victim. A student named A. T. Durome, it said, was strapped to a chair with a metal seat, and an electric current then turned on the chair. As a result, according to the story, Durome's body has been paralyzed from the hips downward.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

Germany Accepts in Principle the Suggestions by President Roosevelt.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Nov. 25.—Secretary Hay has received from the German government a cordial note accepting in principle President Roosevelt's suggestion for another conference at The Hague.

LINER REPORTED.

New York, Nov. 25.—The Cunard line steamer Lancia, from Liverpool and Queenstown, was sighted off Nantuxet lighthouse at 1 o'clock this morning. The vessel will probably dock about 8.30 to-morrow morning.

WILL SECEDE FROM THE PARENT BODY

DECISION OF MANITOBA GRAND LODGE, A.O.U.W.

Constable Drowned While Searching for an Indian Thief—Calgary's Electric Light System.

(Associated Press.)

Winnipeg, Nov. 25.—By a vote of 4,000 to 900, delegates in special session of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, Grand Lodge, decided to-day to secede from the parent body in the States and form a separate order. The difficulty was that not enough young men are joining the order in the Eastern States and Western young branches were burdened with an assessment out of proportion to their death cases.

Police Chief.

Chas. Rooke, for five years a member of the Northwest Mounted Police, has been appointed chief of the Manitoba Mounted Police to watch the boundary for thieves and highwaymen.

Drowned.

Constable Hayford was drowned in Red river, a tributary to Rainy river, while searching for an Indian thief.

Electric Light.

Calgary will submit a \$100,000 by-law to the ratepayers next month, with a view to owning their own electric lighting plant.

DECLINED TO TALK.

Procureur-General of Holy Synod Has Nothing to Say Regarding the Zemstvo Movement.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, Nov. 25.—The Associated Press correspondent saw M. Pobedonostoff, the procureur-general of the Holy Synod, who is credited with having informed the Emperor in connection with the presentation of the Zemstvo memorial to His Majesty, that no middle ground is possible at the present.

This remarkable man who has exercised so much influence in the councils of empire, is now a mere shadow, almost fourscore, and his tall withered form seems to be bowed beneath the weight of his finely chiselled, don-like head. Nevertheless, his still smouldering in the sunken caverns of his gray eyes. An impression of wonderful vitality still clings to the ghost-like figure. He to-day received the correspondent of the Associated Press in a kindly manner, but absolutely declined to discuss the Zemstvo movement.

"I am an old man," he said. "Little time yet remains, but the days and thoughts still granted to me are consecrated to church affairs. The world concerns me no longer."

Under Consideration.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 25.—According to the best information obtainable, the Zemstvo memorial is still under consideration at Tsarskoe Selo. Emperor Nicholas is said to be under no illusions regarding the gravity of his decision, and is giving the memorial the most careful and most earnest consideration. By some he is represented as greatly concerned and grieved over the situation both at home and abroad, to be weary of war and ready to welcome any honorable means to bring the war to a conclusion, and anxious to remove the cause for discontent and secure tranquility at home. The influences surrounding him, however, are said to be almost entirely hostile to concession. Fear is expressed that if the whole Zemstvo programme is rejected there may be a revival of the old territorial duel. The Emperor is said to have been acquainted with Interior Minister Sviatopolk-Mirsky's irrevocable decision not to rejoin in the ministry if the policy of Liberalism, on which he went into office, is abandoned. The reactionists to the present situation, declaring there is agitation stirred up by the Zemstvoists that will soon sink out of sight and affairs

THE STRANGE CASE OF ADOLF BECK

COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE

Places Practically the Entire Blame on Sir Forrest Fulton, Who Presided at Trial.

(Associated Press.)

London, Nov. 25.—The report of the committee of inquiry in the case of Adolf Beck, who for the crime of William Thomas, alias John Smith, served a term of five years' imprisonment in England on the charge of obtaining money and jewels from women under false pretences, places practically the entire blame for the miscarriage of justice upon the judge, Sir Forrest Fulton, who excluded from Beck's trial in 1896 all evidence favorable to accused, and who refused to state the reason for the consideration of a higher court.

The committee finds that if the matter could have been brought before the higher court a flaw in the proceedings must have been discovered and the conviction quashed, and that if there had been a qualified lawyer in the home office, the real nature of the miscarriage would have been brought before the permanent under secretary for home affairs in such a way as to compel intervention.

The report exonerates the police and other officials from all charges of conspiracy, but finds that the action of the home office in dealing with the case was defective owing to lack of legal training on the part of the subordinates.

The committee expresses the opinion that the establishment of a criminal court of appeal is not necessary, as the present machinery of review, if made more efficient by the instructions of the proper element in the home office, ought to give proper relief to innocent persons convicted through mistakes of law or fact.

The committee remarks that it is an extraordinary fact that in the trial of 1896 the innocent man Beck was convicted through the ignorance of the police and public prosecutor of the material fact known at the home office that Beck and Smith were not the same person as alleged by the prosecution, and points out the necessity for bringing the different public authorities concerned into such co-ordination as to make the information acquired by one available to all.

HELD AT SKAGWAY.

Description of Goods Which Have Not Been Shipped According to Regulations.

The council of the Board of Trade met this morning. There were present: S. J. Pitts (chairman), W. Oliver, Jno. G. Cox, W. H. Bone, Jas. Simon, Jas. Forman and J. J. Shalleross.

The question of establishing a woolen mill in this city was referred to the general meeting.

The subject of cable rates to Japan was similarly disposed of.

In connection with forest fires, a committee was appointed to investigate.

R. T. Elliott, commissioner appointed to investigate pilotage matters, wrote asking the board if it had any representations to make before him. This was referred to the harbor and navigation committee.

A letter was received from E. S. Rusby, Inspector Yukon frontier, in which he gave notice of various parcels of goods held by the United States customs department at Skagway on account of not being shipped in accordance with the United States customs regulations. The list is as follows, with the date of arrival at Skagway, steamer by which the goods were carried, and description of goods:

1895—March 24th, by steamer Seattle, no marks, 1 cs. concealed, mkt. W. J. McMillan, Vancouver.

August 22nd, by steamer Princess Mary, no marks, 1 cs. evapor. apples, mkt. 3726, Viet., no marks, 1 cs. Columbia asparagus tips, mkt. R. P. R., Viet., no marks, 1 cs. Lombard plums, Ayfuser Brand; M. B. Dawson, 1 th matches.

October 1st, by steamer Princess Mary, no marks, 1 cs. concealed, vinegar (in glass).

October 9th, by steamer Princess Mary, no marks, 1 cs. soda crackers, mkt. K. D. Co., Vancouver; no marks, 1 gr. rolled oats, B. & K. M. Co. Brand.

September 8th, by steamer Amur, 1 cs., G. S. C., Dawson.

In order to have the above stated goods returned to Canada and restored to the proper owners, and to prevent sale of the same by the United States customs authorities, I would respectfully recommend that the management of the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company be communicated with and requested to execute the required bond with the United States customs at Skagway so as to permit of the return of the above stated goods to either Vancouver or Victoria, B. C.

All of which is most respectfully submitted for your consideration.

E. S. RUSBY,

Inspector Yukon Frontier.

SQUADRON SAILS.

Rio de Janeiro, Nov. 25.—The United States South Atlantic squadron sailed for Bahia early this morning.

A STEEL WHALER IS BEING BUILT

VESSEL IS ON THE WAYS IN CHRISTIANIA

The New Ship Will Be Brought to Victoria and Here Named and Registered.

It was stated in yesterday's Times that a steamer is on her way to this coast from Norway for Capt. Balcom and his Victoria associates, who are interested in the new whaling industry to be started on the West Coast of this Island. This is a mistake. The steamer alluded to has not started on her long voyage, and may not for some time, although it is expected she will be here in March or April. She will be brought to Victoria and registered and named at this port.

The vessel has not yet been launched. She is in course of construction on the ways of a Christiania shipyard, and would probably have been under way ere this but for the fact that three other craft, of a like kind, for the Newfoundland coast, had first to be completed. But the vessel intended for this coast is well advanced, and in order to reach here in the time mentioned must soon leave the Norway capital.

The new boat will not be large, but she will be very powerful. In size she will probably not exceed 35 tons, while she will be engaged to run 14 knots an hour. This speed, it is calculated, will make her fast enough to overhail a whale in an exciting chase and sufficiently powerful to tow the carcass ashore after the sea monster has been killed.

The vessel in shape and equipment will be unique in so far as shipping on this coast is concerned. She will be supplied with two masts, but in general design will be neither schooner or tugboat, but a cross between the two. The master of equipment she will have all paraphernalia with which a modern whaler is provided. This will include the up-to-date harpoon and gun, the latter being a kind of small cannon from which the deadly instrument is shot into the flesh of the whale. Here, of course, the usual line attached and the machinery necessary for its manipulation.

In all these requisites the new steamer is to be amply supplied. She is to carry a Dutch crew. Capt. Balcom, a brother of the promoter of the industry, will bring the steamer to this coast. He will maintain a speed of probably eight knots on the way, for it is doubtful if coal could be carried sufficient to last between stations when travelling at a 14-knot rate.

The whaling grounds, on which this vessel will be operated, are confined to no special area. In the waters surrounding Vancouver Island in almost any locality the ordinary black whale is plentiful. In the Straits and Gulf they are often seen in large schools. Off the coast, however, they can be obtained at all seasons of the year, and it is here that the new steamer will have her biggest field for hunting. The industry is one heretofore unexploited. There is a whaling fleet operated from San Francisco, but the vessels in this instance are sent to the Arctic for the more valuable and larger species.

HAS BEEN ACQUITTED.

Mrs. Gertrude Rapp Set at Liberty After Trial Lasting Three Days.

Seattle, Nov. 24.—Mrs. Gertrude Robb, who shot George Joye, inflicting wounds from which he died six weeks later, is a free woman.

Twelve men have decided that she was justified in killing the man who ruined her daughter, and from this verdict there is no appeal. It took the jury but forty minutes to arrive at a verdict of not guilty. On his dying bed Joye admitted the wrong that he did and promised that if he recovered he would make restitution by taking his youthful victim to his bosom as his wife. Fate willed otherwise, and after he had died the woman who had taken the law into her own hands was formally charged with the crime of murder.

The trial began last Monday and was concluded at 10.30 o'clock last night. All of the facts incident to the shooting were practically admitted, both by the prosecution and the defence. The prosecution was also admitted to have been great, but the public prosecutor considered that it was the law's province to remedy such evils and instituted a prosecution. The theory of the defence was emotional insanity, caused by great grief, and this line of defence was successfully maintained. It was proved that the defendant came from a family afflicted with a neurotic disease.

As the clerk read: "We, the jury, find the defendant not guilty." Mrs. Robb cast a loving look towards her daughter and husband and then, with tears streaming down her cheeks, grasped the hand of her counsel. For a minute it seemed as though she would collapse, but she soon recovered her composure, and as the jury filed out of the box she grasped each one by the hand and murmured a faint "Thank you."

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Port Townsend, Nov. 25.—A donkey scow belonging to Klockner, Lewis & Co., of this port, was set afire and drifted this morning at Port Blakely. This is the third donkey scow belonging to this firm to be either burned or dynamited this year.

The new harness which the Khedive of Egypt ordered in England some months ago is the most costly ever made for four horses. It is valued at \$10,000.

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JAPANESE WERE AGAIN REPULSED

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO TAKE PONTILOFF HILL

Two Hundred Chinese Bandits Reported to Have Been Killed in Fight With Russians.

Mukden, Nov. 24.—The Japanese made a fresh attack on Pontiloff hill the night of November 22nd, their advancing ranks were decimated by the Russian shell fire. Some of the Japanese secured lodgment on the slopes of the hill, but were driven out at the point of the bayonet, when the whole Japanese contingent fled. A similar attempt was made the same night south of Erdagan, which also was repulsed with a bayonet charge. The Japanese lost heavily, while the Russian losses were lightly killed.

A band of 1,500 Chinese bandits, coming from the direction of the Liao river, was in conflict with border scouts near the station of Kaiuan, November 23rd. The scouts charged without giving the bandits' battery time to come into action. The bandits made feeble resistance and fled in all directions, 200 of their number dead. The Russian loss was trifling.

A Japanese column of two companies attempted to penetrate the Russian eastern flank on November 23rd, but was met by two squadrons of Russian cavalry and driven off with severe loss.

Much difficulty is being experienced with camp followers, mostly Cossacks, Tartars and other tribesmen, from the Caucasus. They swagger around in cloaks and fur hats, with daggers in their belts, and have committed so many depredations that severe measures have been adopted to get rid of them.

The general question of housing the people of Mukden is serious. Chinese from all the surrounding country are flocking in for the winter, and because of military quarters must be found for civilian employees. A small room with no conveniences now costs two hundred dollars, as before the war small houses were rented for fifty dollars per year.

Wood is worth a cent a pound. The commissariat is struggling to make ample provisions, still there is bound to be much suffering, especially at the front, where, fortunately, warm clothing for the soldiers has arrived.

THE RUSSIANS ARE BEING STARVED OUT.

London, Nov. 25.—The correspondent at Moscow of the Daily Telegraph, claims authority for the statement that Gen. Stoessels dispatch sent by the torpedo boat, informed Emperor Nicholas that the Port Arthur garrison was being starved out, with other frank details of its actual condition, showing that the fall of the fortress is inevitable.

The correspondent at Odessa of the Standard learns that the Russian government has decided to start in January a general mobilization throughout European Russia.

PORTS HELD BY THE BESIEGING ARMY.

Headquarters of the third Japanese army before Port Arthur, Nov. 14, via Fusan, Nov. 24.—The only permanent forts in the possession of the Japanese are the two Pailung forts captured in August. They hold the advance works of the Pailung redoubt, called Fort Konopetskin, an entrenched hill, called "Fort Kohn hill," Sechtakikuma and One Hundred, and Seventy-Four Mote hill. They also occupy the economy, galleries and mounds of the two Pailung forts and North Keekwan fort.

NEW YEAR PRESENTS FOR JAPANESE SOLDIERS.

Tokio, Nov. 24.—Several charitable organizations, headed by the ladies of the patriotic societies, are arranging to send New Year's presents to every soldier in the field. The contributions already assured indicate that there will be enough to give each soldier two presents. The

people of Tokio are contributing thousands of packages, each containing useful articles.

ANOTHER RUSSIAN LOAN TO BE ISSUED.

London, Nov. 24.—In London financial circles it is understood that negotiations have practically been concluded for the issue in Berlin and Paris simultaneously in January of five per cent. Russian treasury bonds, to the value of \$200,000,000 for five or seven years, the price of the issue to be about the same as that of the last Paris loan, Berlin taking \$100,000,000, and the same French bankers who made the last loan, taking \$100,000,000.

VOLUNTEER STEAMERS NOW AT PORT SAID.

London, Nov. 23.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Port Said says that the Russian volunteer steamer Vodonetz, which passed the Dardanelles as a transport, has three submarine boats on board, and the Yaroslav, which passed the Dardanelles lately, has a large amount of Hotchkiss guns aboard. Evidently once through the canal, says the correspondent, they will emulate the volunteer steamers St. Petersburg and Smolensk.

The Russian volunteer steamers St. Petersburg and Smolensk passed through the Dardanelles last summer, and later appeared in the Red sea armed as cruisers. They held up several British steamers, and placing prize crews aboard, sent them to the whole of the western hemisphere, which the United States does not possess, and is not entitled to, as Great Britain is territorially a larger power on the American continent than the United States. Sir Edward suggested that an appropriate title would be "Union," signifying United States of North America.

REPORT OF CAPTURE OF STEAMER CONFIRMED.

Chefoo, Nov. 24.—The report that the steamer Tungchow, laden with 30,000 tons of meat, was captured by the Japanese yesterday while trying to enter Port Arthur, appears to be correct. The Tungchow was a British vessel, and belonged to the Bluefield & Sons, Shanghai. Last Monday, when leaving Shanghai, she was transferred at the last moment to a man believed to be acting for the Russian government.

ANOTHER RED CROSS TRAIN FROM GERMANY.

Berlin, Nov. 24.—The German Red Cross Society has prepared another sanitary train. The train will proceed to the frontier in a few days, where it will be turned over to the Russian officials. A similar train went to Manchuria a fortnight ago.

GERMANY'S NAVY.

Only Two Battleships Will Be Built Next Year.

Berlin, Nov. 24.—It is announced from a semi-authoritative source that the Reichstag will be called upon in its coming session to provide for the laying down of only two battleships in 1905. These ships will constitute the 36th and 37th ships of the 38 provided for in the programme of 1900, and will be sister ships of the recently launched Deutschland, and of two more now building.

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THE FRENCH CHAMBER OF DEPUTES.

Thursday voted by a large majority of the delegates for the budget for public worship as drawn up by the government. Premier Combes said he was determined to suppress and not to reform the cult, and therefore asked the deputies to be patient to not complicate matters by partial modifications, but to await his bill for the separation of church and state.

The steamer Stord, from Sydney, C.B., for whose safety fears were entertained, arrived at St. Johns, Nfld., Thursday. The Stord was driven seaward in Sunday's gale and her machinery disabled. Several of her men were injured during the storm.

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THE LIBEL SUIT

AGAINST T. W. LAWSON

Defendant Says He Does Not Know the Plaintiffs—He Has Issued a Statement.

Boston, Nov. 24.—Thomas W. Lawson said to-day that service has been made on him of papers in a suit for \$250,000, brought by persons in New York, named Coudert Brothers, but that he was ignorant both as to the contents of the document and the individuals named in them. He explained that he was not accustomed to receiving legal papers, and that he really had not given this matter serious attention. He had merely noted that the sum of \$250,000 was mentioned, and that the names of Fuller and Coudert appeared before passing it over to his attorney. He said that he had never heard of either Fuller or Coudert before, and that the whole matter was "all Greek" to him.

Mr. Lawson issued to-night a signed statement, which, however, beyond the inference contained in the opening sentence, throws little light upon the origin or nature of the suit or suits brought against him.

In conclusion, Mr. Lawson refers to pressure being brought at Washington in an effort to exclude from the mails his writings on finance. He expresses the opinion that such an action would not be permitted by the postal authorities.

Mr. Lawson says he is giving no odds, and asking for none. He says that in this age of dollars no man will be allowed to distribute truths about finance without paying the price.

"My truths are big enough," he said, "and I suppose the price will be equal to mine. I will appear like a tight ship, but the American people may rest assured that whatever the price, I will pay it and not ask any sympathy for doing so, and they can rest easy about another fact: I will make those who have been plundering the people during the past ten years pay a price to which mine will appear like a tight ship compared with the iniquitous tracks of the dark ages."

"Let the American make no mistake. Twelve o'clock is just being struck at the 'while you wait factory,' where the millionaires have been turned out from the fair material, and unless I miss my guess it will take more courts than there are in America to drown the ominous sound of that high noon bell."

PRESENTATION TO CHOATE.

Received Portrait of Himself—Speeches By Archbishop of Canterbury and Sir E. Clarke.

London, Nov. 24.—The annual thanksgiving banquet of the American society at the Hotel Cecil to-night was marked by the presentation to Ambassador Choate of a portrait of himself, mainly by the whole of the western hemisphere, which the United States does not possess, and is not entitled to, as Great Britain is territorially a larger power on the American continent than the United States. Sir Edward suggested that an appropriate title would be "Union," signifying United States of North America.

Having in the first public criticism here of the state department's order that embassies hereafter shall be called "American," thus uttered a respectful protest against the assumption of the larger name, Sir Edward Clarke proposed to refer to the miserable underpayment of American judges and America's waste of energy in providing for survivors of the civil war and in building ironclads which she could never use.

Ambassador Choate, replying, said that American was quite satisfied with their name, and then referred to the recent election in the United States as a resplendent tribute of devotion and affection to a great man. Having remarked upon the regeneration of public life in America regardless of party now in power, Mr. Choate alluded to the ever growing friendship between Great Britain and America as a reason for thanksgiving, and added: "I ask Lord Lansdowne if he was ready to negotiate a treaty of arbitration."

"Why," said Lord Lansdowne, "it goes without saying."

Continuing, Mr. Choate maintained that many things go without saying between Great Britain and the United States. Above all that they should avoid all possible causes of offence and settle all difficulties by peaceful means. He paid a high tribute to the Archbishop of Canterbury's "discovery of America," and dilated upon the value of visits to America by such men as the archbishop and John Morley.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, in proposing President Roosevelt's health, returned his sincere thanks for the way in which he was received in America. He said that America faced problems greater than the world had ever seen, but by a stroke of genius they had found the man to conquer the difficulties. "We on the English side," said the archbishop, "not less than brothers to you across the Atlantic, thank God and take courage because the destinies of America are safe in Roosevelt's hands."

ONTARIO LIBERALS.

Toronto, Nov. 24.—At this morning's session of the Liberal convention a resolution was adopted favoring the appointment of a minister of colonization and labor, and also a bureau of labor in view of the probable unsettling effect on labor conditions by pouring in of new settlers to New Ontario.

The resolution committee discussed temperance all morning, and finally compromised on a resolution favoring the compulsory submission of the local option by-law in every municipality on January 1st, 1906. If passed, such by-law can be appealed only by act of parliament, and if defeated the by-law will not be submitted again for three years. The resolution comes before the convention this afternoon for discussion and adoption.

VISITED ST. LOUIS.

Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier and Hon. Messrs. Fielding and Fisher at World's Fair.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 24.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada, and a distinguished member of the House of Commons, visited the World's Fair on board a special car to-day. After a tour of the grounds, President Francis entertained the party at luncheon, and then went to-night for a trip through the West.

RUN DOWN BY A TRAIN.

Attleboro, Mass., Nov. 24.—Mrs. J. P. Black, of North Attleboro, and Miss May Coburn, her niece, were struck by a New York, New Haven & Hartford southbound train at a crossing near here to-night. Mrs. Black received injuries from which she died a few hours later. The two women were returning from the theatre, and were hurrying across the tracks to catch an electric car. Miss Coburn's body was cut to pieces. Mrs. Black had one limb torn from her body and the other broken in two places, and her chest crushed.

NOISY DEPUTIES.

President of Lower House of the Reichsrath Closed the Sitting.

Vienna, Nov. 24.—Disturbances marked the session of the lower house of the Reichsrath to-day, and this evening the president closed the sitting amid great excitement. The uproar commenced when the Socialist members replying to the president's strictures on language used during the last few days said several demagogues had attacked the women's movement, but would not be prevented from telling the truth about "the Camarilla which ruled Austria."

During the consequent disorder the president declared the session closed. The galleries created tremendous confusion, by shouting and showering the house with slips of paper inscribed "Down with the clerical spooks of the schools."

Earlier in the sitting Premier Van Koeber, defending his policy, dealt with the difficulty of reconciling the conflicting aspirations of the various parties. With reference to Innsbruck, he said that practically the Italian fault there was no longer in existence, and that neither intentional or other weighty considerations stood in the way of its formal suppression. He hoped the Czech representatives would abandon obstruction, and for that reason he had advised the Emperor to appoint a Bohemian national minister. For the rest the government could only assure those concerned that it contemplated the sacrifice of no German interests. In conclusion the president strongly exhorted the members that hard work for the present needs was the best means to heal party differences.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

During a boys' quarrel at Dover, N. H., George Work, aged ten, was struck on the head with a club in the hands of Morris Dion, aged eleven, causing a fracture of the skull, which the physicians say may prove fatal. Dion was arrested.

Guy Roche, a sporting man who killed "Sheeny George" Levy nine years ago, was shot and probably fatally wounded Thursday on Broadway, New York, while the avenue was thronged with holiday promenaders. Stewart Felton, another sporting man, was arrested charged with having fired the shot. He denies the charge.

One woman and seven men were arrested for riotous conduct at Samuel Fenichel's tailor shop in Chicago on Thursday. Those arrested are strikers. On entering the shop they attacked Fenichel and a woman employed there, and wrecked the interior of the shop before a detail of policemen arrived and arrested the rioters.

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COFFEE AND SPICES. VICTORIA COFFEE AND SPICE MILLS—Offices and mills, 148 Government street. A. J. Morley, proprietor.

HALF TONES. OUR HALF-TONE CUTS in copper are unexcelled by the biggest Eastern firms. Send trial order to B. C. Photo-Engraving Co., 26 Broad street.

A lawsuit instituted in the courts at Bellingham some days ago against subsidiary companies of the Pacific American Fisheries Company and the Pacific Fishing & Navigation Company, has been dismissed. Representatives of the companies appeared and complied with the law regarding the payment of corporation licenses and filing of statements with the county auditor, and the state considering that inasmuch as these companies formed the basis of the case, asked for a dismissal, which was granted.

CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENTS.

Rates for insertion in THE TIMES: All Classifications, except Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1 cent per word per day; six insertions for the price of four; no advertisement taken for less than 25 cents. Time rates on application.

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Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

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WANTED—Carpenter's tools, trunks, cast-off clothing, boots, shoes, etc. Write or call on Jacob Aaronson's New and Second-Hand Store, 64 Johnson street.

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DOWLING ALLEYS, BILLIARD TABLES—For sale, bowling alley-equipment, complete. Write for prices. Also billiard tables, etc. We are the leading manufacturers in the world. Catalogue free. Brungel's Billiard Collector Co., J. Johnson, Kirk Block, Douglas street, agent, Victoria.

FOR SALE—Cheap, air-tight heater, ranges, stoves, tables, single and double beds, mattresses, bureaus, etc. at Old Curiosity Shop, cor. of Fort and Blanchard.

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BUILDS FOR SALE—Hyacinth, tulips, gladioli, etc., just received, at Jay & Co.'s, 13 Broad street.

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\$400 FOR GOOD BUILDING LOT, South Turner street.

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\$1,500 WILL PURCHASE fine cottage and large lot in James Bay.

FOUL BAY—On water front, 2 large lots, 60x150 each; \$150 each.

DISCOVERY STREET—16 cabins and lot 30x120 for \$1,000.

2 1/2 ACRES on Gordon Head road, with good house, barn, fruit trees; immediate possession; price \$1,400, and on terms.

2 1/2 LOTS on Dallas road, near Clover Point, for sale at a very low figure in order to close out an estate.

QUEEN'S AVE., near Chambers street, one large lot, \$225.

PRINCES AVE., near Chambers, good building lot, \$225.

LINDON AVE.—Very large lot, only \$1,000.

GOOD 5 ROOMED COTTAGE, centrally located, with stable, electric light and sewer connection; a bargain for \$1,000.

FARMS AND FARMING LANDS FOR SALE—Cheap and on easy terms. Money to loan at low rates of interest. Fire and Life Insurance effected in first-class companies.

LEED & FRASER, Real Estate and Insurance Agents, 9 and 11 Truncheon Avenue.

HEISTERMAN & CO., Real Estate and Insurance, 75 Government Street.

TO LET—Two seven roomed houses, with all modern conveniences, close to town; rent moderate.

TO LET—Modern house, Caledonia Ave.; car passes the door.

TO LET—No. 167 Johnson street, in splendid repair; rent moderate.

FOR SALE—Choice 50-acre lot, all cleared and under cultivation, five miles from City Hall.

\$1,000 BUYS NICE COTTAGE, Work Estate.

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ESTIMATES GIVEN on moving buildings; work carefully done at reasonable prices. Johnson & Co., 111 North Pembroke St.

CARPENTERS, DICKSON & HOWES, 131 to 135 Johnson street, corner of Grim's Block, Victoria, ant-1088 Richard street, Vancouver, manufacturers of show cases and store fixtures in hard and soft wood; designs and estimates furnished.

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GENTS' SUITS CLEANED and pressed (equal to new), \$1.50. Lash, 104 View street, next corner Quadra.

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ABOUT THE WEATHER.

Notwithstanding the obstinate logic of statistics carefully gathered and accurately compiled, there are sceptics who deny that Victoria enjoys climatic advantages compared with her neighbors of an exceptional character. A few days ago the Times invited an authoritative explanation of the apparent mystery of the atmospheric currents. Today we publish a statement which is reasonable, authoritative and unassailable. Here it is:

Victoria Annual Rainfall.

Victoria Meteorological Office,

November 24th, 1904.

The Editor, Victoria Times.

Dear Sir:—In a recent issue of your paper you ask for some information respecting the light rainfall of Victoria as compared with other or adjacent places. The whole "mystery" is simply a question of local situation, temperature and altitude, and is familiar to every meteorologist.

The following extracts from acknowledged authorities will, I hope, give the explanation you desire.

The late Professor Elias Loomis, of Yale College, in his treatise on meteorology, writes:

"The rainfall is uniformly greater on mountains of moderate elevation than it is at the level of the sea; and at a certain height the fall is from two to three times as great as it is at the base of the mountain. When a current of air meets an interposed mountain, it is forced up the side of the mountain; that is, it is elevated above the earth's surface into a colder region, and its vapor is precipitated by the cold of elevation."

Professor Dr. Julius Hann, of Vienna, the best known authority on the subject, in his "Hand Book of Climatology," of which the first part has been translated from the German by Prof. R. DeCourcy Ward, of Harvard University, gives the following description:

"Mountains therefore play an important part with respect to the vapor of the earth's atmosphere. When they rise to considerable altitudes, they become effective climate barriers, often separating by sharply defined lines, within a very limited area, districts which are well-watered from those which are arid."

The most important influence which mountains have is in causing condensation of the water vapor of the atmosphere, and affecting the frequency and the amount of precipitation. This influence is due to the fact that mountains give rise to ascending air currents, whereby a rapid cooling of the air is brought about and the water vapor is condensed. Both general and local air movements are affected by mountains, for on the one hand the prevailing winds are to some extent forced to climb up the slopes of mountain ranges which lie in their paths, and on the other hand mountains themselves broke local ascending currents.

"Many mountains have a wet side and a dry side; such mountains lie more or less directly across the path of prevailing winds which carry a large amount of water vapor. In the higher latitudes (such as Victoria) the western slopes are usually the rainy ones, because the prevailing winds are from the west. That the rainy side of a mountain range must be reached by a dry side on the opposite slope, hardly needs any explanation. The side of the mountain facing the moist wind receives all the precipitation which results from the condensation of the water vapor in the ascending current as it passes over the mountain. The amount of precipitation depends upon the dew point of the ascending air and upon the temperature to which the air is cooled as it passes over the mountain; when the air gradually descends to its former level on the leeward side of the mountain it is warmed during the descent and becomes very dry. The descending air is not saturated with water vapor after its temperature rises above that which prevails at the altitude where condensation occurred. The rainfall increases on approaching a mountain range because the air is forced to rise even at some distance away from the obstruction which lies in its path. Almost all mountainous regions furnish examples of the rule that the rainfall does not increase suddenly just at the base of the mountains."

Seattle and Tacoma are both situated on the western side of, or adjacent to mountain ranges, and exposed to the prevailing rain-bearing winds from the Pacific, and have consequently a heavy annual precipitation. Victoria and Port Townsend, with very similar precipitation, are not situated in any special "dry belt," but both lie on the eastern or leeward side of mountain ranges, and have accordingly a comparatively light precipitation.

Sooke and Goldstream are both exposed to prevailing rain-bearing winds, and from their higher elevation consequently receive a much greater precipitation than Victoria.

I remain, sir, yours truly,

E. BAYNES REED.

PITY THE POOR CAZAR.

Russia is the home and high place of political intrigue. The Mohammedans of Turkey are mere children in the art of political assassination compared with their northern neighbors. This fact is vouched for by all authorities who have had experience in the two countries. One would naturally expect the Czar, distracted as he must be at the present time by the swart state of affairs abroad and the no less precarious conditions at home, to welcome any means whereby he could transfer some of his perplexities to other shoulders. If he were to listen to the advice of the Zemstvos and transfer the

intolerable load of empire to the three estates represented in the convention which has just concluded its deliberations, surely the crown would sit much more easily upon his head. If the representatives of the people of Russia, not the agents of the Czar of Russia, were responsible for the conduct of national affairs, the country would be a unit in its determination to vindicate and maintain the prestige of a real fatherland. But the Czar is either not strong enough to act in opposition to the will of those whose interests demand the maintenance of the despotism or he dreads the inauguration of a movement which might carry him he knows not where. And so Russia must continue indefinitely under the thumb of the nobles who are the most expert at intrigue. The weakness of great Russia is to be found in the conspiracies and secret workings of her favored sons in their efforts to attain coveted posts. All the world now knows this, and is talking about it. A St. Petersburg correspondent of one of the Paris newspapers explains that the recent rumors of the impending resignation of the new Russian minister of the interior, Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky, were caused by the secret efforts of M. Pobiedonostzeff, the procurator of the Holy Synod, to secure his removal by the Czar. Naturally, in the eyes of M. Pobiedonostzeff, the price must be the incarnation of all that is perilous and revolutionary. It appears that the former in a private memorandum to the Czar declared that the minister of the interior was leading Russia heading to her destruction. The assault was not altogether ineffective, for the Czar, at first, was inclined to give ear to it, and not only received the prince very coldly, but raised a number of objections against his plans of reform. The prince, it is said, reminded the Emperor of the conditions on which he accepted office, and added: "Although I am a relative of Sipiaguine, my views were not the same as his. I had drawn up my resignation as his assistant on the very day of his assassination. It was only through a sense of duty that I remained at my post. I am on the side of the Zemstvos and not of the Bureaucracy." He then tendered his resignation to the Emperor, who, however, declined to accept it, and frankly adopted his views. As soon as these facts became known, hundreds of letters of encouragement began to pour in upon the Prince. One of the first acts of the latter was to set rid of the army of detectives, who failed so signally in saving the life of M. de Tschve.

JUSTICE SCANDALIZED.

In Seattle a mother who killed the man who wronged her daughter has been acquitted by a jury of the charge of murder. The crime was admitted, and provocation pleaded in extenuation. And yet New York State will spend hundreds of thousands of dollars in an effort to convict Nan Randolph, an actress who has learned by experience the uses to which lovely human orbs set in a charming headpiece can be applied, of the charge of murdering a mere male companion. It is said no one could have held the commission of the crime, because it was perpetrated in a closed cab. But the age of chivalry is not yet past. A number of people are said to be ready to testify that they saw Caesar Young shoot himself. The prosecution will call experts who are ready to swear that the pistol wound could not have been self-inflicted. The defence has an equal number whose conscience will permit them to take oath to the contrary. But the attorney for the state has his skeleton and the piece of skin from the finger of the dead to impress the jury with the reasonableness of his arguments. Every one knows what the result will be. Still it is meet that the majesty of the law shall be vindicated and that the instruments of the law obtain all that is their due on account of their jealousy for the cause of justice and right. It is not their fault entirely that the temple of justice has been converted into a theatre. Caesar Young is dead. No ill should be spoken of him. But his taking-off was not such a serious loss to the world that hundreds of thousands of dollars should be spent in endeavoring to punish one of his own class for the part she played in the tragedy.

An approximate calculation based on newspaper reports of minorities shows a popular Liberal majority in Canada of some 50,000 votes in a total vote of about 800,000. Foster, the expert at making figures say what they do not mean at all, will have to work overtime to demonstrate that Canada is yet Conservative by tradition.

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Now are you "on"?

The future fate of the Russian Baltic fleet is not very uncertain. The grim Togo is getting his ships in readiness to meet it. The probabilities are that if Admiral Rojestvensky should succeed in taking his squadron to the neighborhood of the Korean coast, the question of bringing it home again will never arise. Still the unexpected sometimes happens. The blunderers who fired upon the travelers of the North Sea, the roysters who, to while away an idle, drunken moment, killed half a dozen of the population of Crete, might by a fluke overcome the trained sailors of Japan and restore the naval balance in Asiatic waters. But it is evident they do not expect anything of the kind to happen. They have evidently made up their minds that to-morrow they shall die; to-day they might as well "have a good time." At every opportunity they cut loose and brawl over the flowing bowl. They have fully earned the title of mad dogs, applied to them by a British newspaper after the outrage committed in the North Sea. It has been absolutely established that their charge that they were attacked by Japanese and fired upon their assailants in self-defence is absolutely without foundation. The testimony of the representatives of the nations involved in the absurd allegation cannot be refuted. The crime was committed by men in a state of drunkenness, in a frenzy of fear and madness, or in a condition brought about by all

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three. It cannot be atoned for. Those responsible will go unscathed, unless perchance they fall into the hands of the Japanese.

Old England is ice-bound. She is covered with snow as by a mantle. In some

Christmas Graphic.
Christmas Pear's Annual.
Christmas Sporting Dramatic.
Christmas Ladies' Home Journal.
Christmas Weldon's Children.
Christmas Weldon's Illust. Dressmaker
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Others Expected in a Few Days.

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Women's Natural Wool Underwear All Sizes	DAVID SPENCER LIMITED WESTERN CANADA'S BIG STORE	Children's Natural Wool Underwear All Sizes
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Some Unusually Good Offerings
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Women's Natural Wool Vests, neck trimmed, linen lace; all sizes. Prices from \$1.75 to \$2.50. Saturday \$1.50. Drawers to match. Saturday \$1.50. Women's White Merino Vests and Drawers, all sizes, \$1.75 and \$2.00 each. Saturday \$1.50.

Women's Flesh Colored Vests, value \$2.00, Saturday \$1.25.

For Children

Child's Natural Wool Combinations, sizes 3 to 6 years; prices \$1.25 to \$1.95. Saturday 75c.

Women's Natural Wool Night-dresses; values \$2.25. Saturday \$1.50.

Women's Fleece Lined Ribbed Vests. Saturday 35c.

Saturday Hosiery
Bargains

200 pairs Women's Ribbed Stockings, assorted; values from 65c. to 85c. Saturday 50c.

120 pairs Women's Ribbed Stockings, 8½ to 9½ inches; regular 50c. Saturday 35c.

60 pairs Boys' Ribbed Worsted Stockings, 9, 9½ and 10; value 50c. Saturday 35c.

98 pairs Boys' Worsted Stockings, sizes 6½ to 8 in.; value 35c to 50c. Saturday 25c.

Book
Bargains
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The Boys' Own Annual. Saturday \$1.75.

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The Sunday at Home. Saturday \$1.75.

Remarkable Sale
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That's the whole story in a nutshell; but of course you cannot get any idea of the wonderful values by the fact told in cold type. Come and see for yourselves, that's the best plan. The lot comprises nearly all our High-Class Suits of Fancy Tweeds, Cheviots and Worsteds.

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parts of eastern America the air is crisp enough to make the hair curl. In Seattle a few days ago the floods descended in such force that a visitor from the East was willing to lay odds the town would float away inside of three days. In the course of time, when all men partake in equal degree of the fruits of their labor, perfect justice rules among the Sons of Adam, and life is not so strenuous, a large portion of the population of the globe will hie to Victoria as the one ideal summer and winter place of residence.

To a mere man some of the curiously-wrought structures with which lovely women decorate their heads appear ridiculously out of harmony with the weather in its present state. Having taken this one halting step upon dangerous ground, we may discreetly state that the subject is not debatable.

COLD CURE.

London Free Press.

A Russian physician is talking of establishing a sanatorium for consumptives in the Polar regions. He thinks that it would be a success, because he has observed that

the members of Polar expeditions who succeed in getting home are always in good health. This is so because of the pure air and the absence of all microbes.

FOOLS AND THEIR MONEY.

Philadelphia Ledger.

A good many people who think themselves wise jeer at the persons who turn their fortunes over to Dowie. Then they go and try to break the stock market when a little boom is manufactured.

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—??—Settle the Xmas. present question by having a dozen portraits taken at the Skene Lowe studio.

—Those who desire to attend the banquet to be given in honor of Senator Templeman, next Friday evening, may obtain tickets from any member of the executive of the Victoria Liberal and Young Liberal Associations.

—Social dance this evening at Labor hall, Douglas street; fine music.

—The United Kingdom and foreign parcel post mail will in future close on Friday at 7 p. m. Up till the present the mail did not close until Saturdays, but the change is now made so that the mail may connect with the transatlantic steamers at Halifax.

—Are you going to the Occidental hotel for your Sunday dinner? 25c. Served from 5.30 to 8 p. m.

—Fire, Life, Marine and Accident Agency, Travelers' Life and Accident Insurance Company. Tickets 25c. a day. Lowest rates for marine insurance on hulls or cargo. Agency, Lloyd's underwriters. Office, Wellington Coal agency, Atlantic S.S. line. Hall-Gospe Co., 100 Government St. Tel. call 85.

—The ladies of St. Andrew's cathedral have been preparing during some months past for a grand bazaar to be opened next Monday at the Institute hall. A large collection of articles of all descriptions has been secured for disposal on this occasion. Entertaining attractions have been arranged to enhance the social feature of the evenings for the old and the young. The refreshment room will be in first-class order for luncheon and supper. Elaborate decorations have been made by the committee in charge, which will materially assist in making the fair a brilliant social event.

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RESCUED ON THE COAST OF OREGON

PITIFUL FLIGHT OF THE WEBFOOT'S CREW

Five Days Huddled on Cabin of Wrecked Barkentine—Victims of Storm.

An Astoria dispatch of Wednesday's date says:

"With three men of her crew missing and probably drowned, with her decks awash and the surviving members of her crew well exhausted from five days' exposure to the elements, the old American barkentine Webfoot, water-logged and dismantled, limped into port to-night in tow of the bar tug Wallula. Captain Lewis reports a most unusual occurrence. While his vessel rolled in the heavy seas off the mouth of the Columbia river yesterday, threatening every moment to go to the bottom, three schooner bound south and three bound north passed him, yet none offered him assistance.

"For five days the crew of the barkentine were huddled on the top of the cabin, excepting a few who were on the deck. The men did not seem much the worse of their hard experience, but the women of the party were very weak. The mother of the twins was carried on board on a stretcher made of bark. Captain Cates gave the sufferers every care and attention. The infants, strange to say, were strong and healthy, and none the worse for their trying advent into the world."

SHIPWRECKED CHILIANS.

Reference was made in yesterday's Times to a shipwrecked party picked up off Gambia Island. Further details are now published in the Vancouver papers, the story being given as follows:

"During a heavy gale on November 17th, the boat the vessel off shore ashore. Heading northward, a similar experience overtook the vessel off the mouth of the Columbia river. The schooner was finally forced to try for the Straits of Juan de Fuca, which she succeeded in entering.

"Before the wreckage could be shipped clear, the vessel was nearly driven ashore. Heading northward, a similar experience overtook the vessel off the mouth of the Columbia river. The schooner was finally forced to try for the Straits of Juan de Fuca, which she succeeded in entering.

"The vessel was picked up by the schooner, and the survivors were taken to the coast of Gambia Island. The members of the party were a Chilean fisherman and his Indian wife, their daughter and son-in-law. About half an hour after the party reached shore, the married daughter gave birth to a son, and the following Monday (four days later) was delivered of a second son. A small quantity of bread was washed ashore, but was rendered almost unpalatable by being immersed in the salt water. The second day one of the number managed to kill a deer, and the party actually had nothing to live on but venison during the five days they were on the island. After hearing the story, Capt. Cates sent a ship's boat ashore in charge of the first officer and took the party on board, handing them at Eagle Harbor. The men did not seem much the worse of their hard experience, but the women of the party were very weak. The mother of the twins was carried on board on a stretcher made of bark. Captain Cates gave the sufferers every care and attention. The infants, strange to say, were strong and healthy, and none the worse for their trying advent into the world."

PILOTAGE BOARD MEETING.

"On December 5th the pilotage boards of Victoria, Vancouver, Nanaimo and New Westminster will meet in Vancouver to consider the redefining of the schedule of charges relating to shipping entering and clearing British Columbia ports and other matters. The original board was constituted in 1902, and the members of the Victoria board not being able to attend on that date, the alteration was made. This conference was suggested by the Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, minister of marine and fisheries, when on his trip to the Pacific coast last December 21st, but owing to a revision of the schedule having been brought before him by the Nanaimo pilotage board.

"The adoption of by-laws for the Vancouver and New Westminster pilotage districts will also be considered. At present they are practically without by-laws, and are acting on those of the old Yale and New Westminster pilotage districts."

MARINE NOTES.

In Seymour Narrows, near Maud Island, at 8 o'clock on the morning of November 21st, the Alaska cable steamer Burnside struck a rock, and had it not been for good luck, the vessel would have gone down. The ship might have gone down, a total wreck. She is now on the Sound.

PERSONAL.

A. J. McMurton, proprietor of the Abbotsford hotel, is among those staying at the Dominion hotel. Mr. McMurton is spending a holiday here. He reports that business is flourishing at all points along the E. & N. railway.

Herbert Macklin, formerly connected with the British Columbia Packers' Association at Ladang, will shortly take over the management of the Ladang and Wellington branch business interests of Simon Leber & Co., Ltd.

H. W. Holling, representing the San Francisco Examiner, John Kennedy, of New York; A. Howe, of Chemsana; and J. A. McLean, of Toronto, are at the Victoria hotel.

John Thomson and Ed. Hooker, of Nanaimo; Dr. P. A. Staples, of Cumberland; and H. McLean, of Vancouver, are registered at the Dominion.

F. E. Holt, H. McArthur and H. Barger, comprising a party of Skeena River anglers, men registered at the Dominion hotel.

Robert E. Kilson and Mrs. Kilson, of Delta, are in the city. They are among the guests at the Dominion.

Mr. Justice Newlands arrived last evening to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Newlands to-morrow afternoon.

Harold H. Evey, of Seattle, and H. J. Thorne, of Vancouver, are at the New England hotel.

Dr. Ernest Hall arrived from the Mainland last evening and will remain here several days.

R. M. Beckett and Mrs. Beckett, of Ottawa; Frank L. Smith and C. A. Innes, of Seattle; Alfred Kolner, of New York; Kate Schmitt, of San Francisco; and W. MacLellan, of Vancouver, are at the Dray.

Capt. H. Langnick, of Cowichan Lake; E. J. Palmer and Capt. C. J. Gibson, of Chemsana, are at the Dray.

D. A. Donney, of Sidney; W. A. Custer and J. Fyfe Smith, of Vancouver; and J. Archibald, of Nelson, are at the Vernon.

J. A. Moore and wife, of Seattle, were in the city yesterday afternoon. They returned last night.

Jas. Neish, Miss C. G. Hastings and Miss E. L. Morton, of Vancouver, are guests at the Vernon.

E. R. Folsom and wife and C. J. E. Meston and wife, of Honolulu, are guests at the Balmoral.

PREMIER PROMISES RAILWAY POLICY

SUBJECT WILL COME UP IN LEGISLATURE

Opening of Session May Be Delayed a Little in Consequence of Minister's Absence.

While the intention of the government is to call the legislature together about the twentieth of January, it is not at all improbable that the session may not begin until early in February. The absence of the Attorney-General in England may necessitate deferring the date of meeting, although the Premier expects that Mr. Wilson will not be very long in London, but will get back in plenty of time to allow of calling the House together according to the original plans.

The Premier is reported to have a railway policy prepared or in course of preparation for presentation before the legislature. The details of this policy have not been made known yet.

The impression prevails that the subject is being jointly handled by Premier McBride and the Chief Commissioner. When the details are fully agreed upon it will be submitted to J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M. P. P., whose approval must be obtained before it is brought down. The final touches will be put upon it in collaboration with the Socialist leader.

It is said by those who are supposed to know something of the Premier's mind in connection with this subject that the policy embraces aid to a wide variety of roads, and among them is a Coast-Kootenay line.

This latter it is understood has been insisted upon by L. W. Shafford, M. P. P., of Similkameen, who is not disposed to allow of any further postponement.

Officials of the Grand Trunk Pacific are expected in the province next month, and it is generally admitted that they will approach the local government asking for concessions with respect to their proposed lines in the province.

Besides the question of railway aid the session is likely to prove an interesting one. The promised commission to go into questions affecting taxation, and for which an appropriation was made at the last session, has never been appointed, and explanations will be required in consequence.

The whole subject of the Assessment Act and related amendments introduced last session will come in for the fullest review after a year's test.

The government's policy respecting Southeast Kootenay coal and oil lands will likely be brought up.

It is said that the administration of some of the departments may also be subjected to considerable criticism by some of the opposition.

JUBILEE FUND OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. J. K. Unsworth Gives Details of Plans and Tells of Success of Movement.

The Congregationalists of this city were uplifted and inspired last evening by the presence of the Rev. J. K. Unsworth, B. A., of Hamilton, who came here as the Western representative of the Jubilee fund committee. What is known as the Jubilee fund is a movement that was inaugurated a year ago by the Congregationalists of Canada.

The movement was really started by an offer, which was at the same time a challenge, made by the English Congregationalists to give ten per cent. on all sums given for this purpose. This offer has met with a magnificent response, and during the last year one-half of the total indebtedness of the denomination has been provided for. The time limit that has been set is the end of 1905, and every effort is being made to raise the second half. Mr. Unsworth, who is secretary of the committee, has been visiting the churches in Manitoba and reports splendid success.

In his address last evening he spoke of the plan and spirit of the Jubilee fund. Up to the present time the churches had raised over \$110,000, not including the English offer. This was more than eleven dollars per member. This was twice as much per member as the Presbyterians of Canada gave for their church debts in connection with the Twentieth Century fund. The plan of the fund is for each church as far as possible to clear off its own debt. Besides this there is a central fund to which the free churches contribute, and from which the heavily burdened churches are aided.

Mr. Unsworth told the story of the past year. The denomination was being greatly stirred, there was a strong spirit of hope and courage, and all the churches had been drawn closely together. The motto of the movement was "Free to Serve." The churches when free of debt could give themselves to larger service for their master, home work could be enlarged, and new foreign missions established. The speaker prophesied complete freedom by the end of next year, and expressed the belief that this result would be a great help to the other denominations to accomplish the same end.

At the close of the address there were several who increased their subscriptions to the local movement. The church here has been much encouraged by the offer of aid from the central fund, and have made splendid progress towards the required amount; in fact only about five hundred dollars is necessary.

Mr. Unsworth's address was enthusiastically received, and on motion of Messrs. W. M. Scowcroft and Geo. Carter a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his visit and splendid address.

Mr. Unsworth leaves on the Princess Victoria for Vancouver, where he will preach the two following Sundays.

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Another Valuable Fish Found in Waters of Nanaimo Harbor.

"Fishermen who drew in a heavily laden net in the harbor last night were somewhat surprised to find that they had gathered in a big net full of pilchards instead of herring," says the Nanaimo Herald.

"Pilchards are a very choice food fish caught chiefly on the Cornish coast of England, and are preserved either by salting or canning. They cannot, however, be used for kippering or smoking, and most of the fish caught last night had to be discarded.

"It is interesting to know, however, that there is a new and valuable kind of fish to be found here, and it cannot be doubted that as the facts relating to these fish become known they will become even a more valuable asset to the city than the herring."

WILL SELL LANDS.

Western Fuel Company to Dispose of Twenty Thousand Acres Suitable for Farming.

"Herbert Macklin, of Ladang, who for some months past has been making an examination of all the outlying lands belonging to the Western Fuel Company, of Nanaimo, has completed the work and his report has been forwarded to the company," says the Ladang Herald.

"The report deals with some 20,000 acres of land on the Gulf Islands, including Thetis, Gabriola, Salt Spring, Galiano, Parker, Valdez and Narrows Islands, also land in Cedar district, and good agricultural properties are to be found thereon. The company intend disposing of all these lands at a reasonable price per acre, which will enable homesteaders to acquire suitable locations. Several miles of water front property is to be acquired on some of the islands, and being in close proximity to the Ladang and Nanaimo markets, there should be a ready sale for these lands. Already several applications have been received by the Fuel Company for the purchase of certain portions of this land, which is well adapted for sheep and cattle raising and the growing of small fruit."

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vincial Championship.

TO-MORROW'S ATTRACTIONS.

Rugby Football—Championship match be-
tween Victoria and Vancouver, at 3
o'clock, at Caledonia park. Intermediate vs.
junior teams after this game, on same
grounds.

Association Football—Victoria United vs.
H. M. S. Bonaventure, at 3 o'clock, at Oak
Bay. Garrison vs. Victoria West, on Work
Point grounds, commencing at 3 o'clock.
High school vs. St. Louis Juniors, 1.30
o'clock, at Beacon Hill. At same place,
starting 3 o'clock, Capital vs. Victoria
West.

Hockey—Practice of Victoria team on
Oak Bay grounds.

At a representative meeting of the executive
of the Victoria District Association
Football League it was decided by dele-
gates from the Victoria United, the Gar-
rison and Navy teams that the main-
tenance of the British Columbia Associa-
tion Football League, under present conditions,
was inadvisable. A motion was passed to
that effect unanimously. The result of
this action cannot but result in the disor-
ganization of the B. C. F. A. L. When
this happens the intention is to form an
Island league, in which Nanaimo, together
with all other Vancouver Island clubs, will
be invited to compete. Then it will be
possible for a British Columbia league to
be formed on the basis demanded by the
Mainland Association. Delegates will be
sent from all clubs interested to some
central point (to be decided upon later)
where the formation of the new association
will take place on lines satisfactory to the
various representatives. This is the out-
come that is aimed at by Victoria, Garrison
and Navy officials. They wish to see foot-
ball placed on a firm footing throughout
the province, and not until there are sepa-
rate Island and Mainland series and a gen-
eral B. C. league will this be accomplished.
Last night's meeting was called to order
at 8 o'clock. Rev. W. Bolton occupying
the chair. Delegates were present as fol-
lows: H. M. S. Bonaventure, R. Glad and
J. Whitecomb; Garrison, Sergt. Paley; Vic-
toria United, H. A. Goward; Rev. W. W.
Bolton and T. G. Wilson; Victoria West,
W. Dickson. After the reading of the
minutes, one of the first matters considered
was a report from J. G. Brown on the
financial results of the Thanksgiving Day
matches. He reported that the receipts
were \$73.25 and expenses \$22.50, leaving a
balance of \$50.75. The complete statement as
submitted follows:

Cash received at gate \$25.00
Sale of tickets 48.25
Tickets printed 2.25
Balance \$71.00

It will be remembered these games were
arranged on behalf of J. Dakers, a former
player with the Wanderers. Mr. Brown
was appointed a committee to present the
amount raised on his behalf to Mr. Dakers.
Rev. Mr. Bolton then announced that he
had written to G. A. Parker, who managed
the last Corinthian tour of South Africa,
and who is now in Eastern Canada arrang-
ing for a visit of the same team in 1905.
Informing him of the large number of first-
class teams in British Columbia, and invit-
ing him to visit Vancouver and Victoria
during his stay in Canada. If Mr. Parker
decides to bring his team to Canada there
is no doubt that it will come to British Col-
umbia. In fact, Rev. Mr. Bolton thinks
that his visit is the direct result of the
action taken by the local association in
writing to the football headquarters in
London urging for a visit of a first-class
amateur eleven to Western Canada.

The question of disorganizing the present
B. C. F. A. L. was then introduced. Most
of those present thought such a step would
be in the interests of football for the re-
asons already mentioned. In this connection
the chairman read the following communi-
cation which fully explains the situation:
Dear Mr. Adams—Your own letter of the
14th inst., and one received from the sec-
retary of the Mainland league raises sev-
eral very important questions relative to
the present B. C. Football Association, of
which you are president and I am vice-
president. Before dealing with them, let
me say that for months past, as you
know, I have been working to keep
the present association in being, merely
broadering it to meet the new require-
ments. I am, however, now free to face

with two difficulties which compel me to
think seriously whether it will not be
necessary to adopt for more stringent
measures so as to serve both the present
and the future best interests of the game
throughout the province.

The first difficulty is with reference to
the present championship cup, known as
the "Nanaimo" cup. I can now plainly
see that it will not be possible for that cup
to continue to stand for the B. C. cham-
pionship. The former of the Mainland and
Island, I believe, also of the Victoria teams,
is dead against it. It is altogether for-
eign to any game that the finals must be
played always in one particular city. True
sport should never have allowed the cup
to have been offered with such conditions
attached.

What appears to me to be the best plan
is that just as Victoria district puts up its
own cup for the winning team of the dis-
trict each season and keeps it in the dis-
trict, so the present Nanaimo cup should
for the future be fought for by the Nanai-
mo district and kept there. Further, that
another cup should be subscribed for by
all the Island teams, which should stand
for the Island championship, and which
should have no strings attached. Other
than that, it should be played for where it
is held, and that it shall be possible to win
it right out. Further, that all the teams,
both Mainland and Island, should subscribe
for a cup for the provincial championship.
The second difficulty is that the Main-
land say positively that they will enter
no teams in the present B. C. F. A. com-
petition. If this be so, we cannot in any
real sense claim that the Island winners for
this season will be the undoubted cham-
pions of the province. With much regret
therefore as to the necessity, it seems to
me that what we ought to do is to alter our
title of B. C. F. A. and become the Island
F. A. Just as the Mainland F. A.
revised constitution, by-laws and cup
rules will serve with some slight altera-
tions for the Island league, so that our
work will not be thrown away. Delegates
from the Mainland F. A. and the Island
F. A. could then meet and organize the
B. C. F. A. The Mainland secretary states
that the revised constitution, by-laws and
cup rules will serve admirably for that
purpose, so that our work will still fur-
ther come in as useful. I can glean no
hope of any delegates from the Mainland
attending on December 3rd, so that we
shall again be the Island league for the
whole province, which is ridiculous, seeing
that the larger part of the province re-
fuses to be legislated for. We are to have
a meeting of the four teams in this dis-
trict in the course of a few days, when I
do not doubt the above matters will be
thoroughly dealt with and some definite
action decided upon. I should like to hear
whether my suggestions would, in your
opinion, meet with any prospect of success
if brought up on December 3rd, as if not,
our local teams, should they agree with
them, may refuse to go to the expense of
sending a delegation to Nanaimo, where
you insist upon again holding the meeting.
You are at full liberty to publish this
letter if you wish, it being in no sense
private. I also reserve the right.

W. W. BOLTON.
A lengthy discussion followed, and
a resolution to the effect that it was no
longer in the interests of football that the
B. C. F. A. L. should be continued was
carried. It was further decided that no
local delegates should be sent to the league
meeting called for December 3rd at Nanai-
mo, and further that the Victoria District
Association propose that Nanaimo and
Ladysmith agree to the suggestion regard-
ing the organization of an Island league.
Both these were passed unanimously.
The meeting then adjourned.

TWO SENIOR MATCHES.
Members of the Victoria District League
have reconsidered their decision that no
senior league games shall be played to-
morrow. A game is announced between the
Victoria and H. M. S. Bonaventure team
at Oak Bay. This match will commence at
3 o'clock. Sergt. Derbyshire has agreed to
act as referee. At the Barracks the Vic-
toria West and Garrison teams will try
conclusions. In this case also the kick-off
takes place at 3 o'clock. W. Baker, E.R.A.,
will be in charge of the whistle.

AT BEACON HILL.
Two junior games will take place to-
morrow afternoon at Beacon Hill. The
first, between the High school and St.
Louis's teams, commencing at 1.30 o'clock
promptly. Immediately after this contest
the Capital and Victoria West teams will
line up in a struggle for supremacy. L.
Tait will referee both matches.

THE TURF.
CHAMPIONS SOLD.
New York, Nov. 24.—Major Delmar, the
world's champion trotting gelding with an
unpaced trotting record of 2.07 1/4 and a
paced trotting record of 1.59 1/4, was sold
at Madison Square Garden to-day for
\$15,000. The purchaser was C. G. Billings,
owner of Lou Dillon. It was announced
that Mr. Billings would race Major Delmar
and Lou Dillon in an effort to break the
world's record. Major Delmar was con-
signed by Mr. Smithers, who bought him
last year for \$40,000.

The record price thus far at the sale was
paid for Sadie Mac, another of the Smith-
ers string, who was bought by Miss Wilkes,
of Galt, Ont., for \$15,500. Miss Wilkes is
the owner of Ore Wilkes and of several

horses who won blue ribbons at the horse
show last week.

Prince Albert, the world's champion pacing
gelding, with a race record of 1.59 1/4, and a
record of 1.37 with a wind shield, was sold
to Edward Mitchell, of New York, for
\$2,000.

THE KENNEL.

THE DEATH OF COUNT REGO.
Commenting on the recent death of Ch.
Count Rego, T. P. McConnell's English
setter, Field and Fancy, a New York pub-
lication, says:

"Ch. Count Rego is dead, and in his death
the English setter fancy of the Coast has
suffered another severe loss, following with-
in a year on the demise of the renowned
Ch. Roy Monte. Count Rego, who was
born on October 12th, 1902, enjoyed a short
but very brilliant show career, attaining
championship honors before completing his
second year, and proving himself an excel-
lent stock getter, as well as giving satisfac-
tion in the field. The dog had but few de-
fects (there is no perfect dog), and when
put down it was ready to take the measure
of any of the present day cracks. He had
been used at stud only a few months be-
fore his death, but is the sire of some very
nice litters, at present too young for the
bench, but they look very good, and there
will surely be some winners among them.
It is to be hoped that next spring will
show at least one or two good enough to
replace him.

"A championship on the Coast, under old
P. K. L. or present W. K. L. rules, under
which these winnings were made, cannot be
gained by a certain number of points
awarded according to the total entries in
the show, perhaps appearing only three
times before the public eye, but must be
won with at least five firsts in the win-
ners class. With the limited number of
recognized shows held in a season, taken
into consideration with the distances to be
covered, it is practically impossible for a
dog to win his championship. In his first
season on the Coast, and yet to gain the
award while in his prime a dog must take
in most of the circuit shows. By the time
he has travelled through his second circuit
he is sure to have met the most representa-
tive specimens of his breed, and if a cham-
pionship is then attained under the differ-
ent judges, it can be deemed well earned
and a true criterion of the worth of the
subject."

ATHLETICS.

ASSOCIATION FORMED.

A formal agreement will be reached be-
tween the B. C. Electric Railway Company
and representatives of the different local
athletic associations regarding the use of
Oak Bay grounds in the course of a few
weeks. At a recent consultation between
the parties mentioned it was decided that
T. Hooper, of the Victoria Lacrosse Club;
J. A. Virtue, of the Victoria Baseball Club;
Rev. W. W. Bolton, of the Victoria Dis-
trict Association Football League; K.
Scholfield, of the Victoria Hockey Club;
and H. Austin, of the Victoria Rugby Club,
would form an association to take charge
of the Oak Bay grounds. Immediate ap-
plication will be made for incorporation
under the Beneficial Societies Act.
This action was decided upon at the re-
quest of the tramway officials, who con-
tended that they could only enter into a
formal agreement with some responsible
organization. Therefore the gentlemen
mentioned will be incorporated as an as-
sociation and will pledge themselves to use
their influence to make Oak Bay the centre
for all sports in Victoria. In return for
this the Tramway Company agree to allow
the use of the grounds free; to provide a
five-minute service from the city, and to
grant other privileges of minor importance.
The agreement will be formally signed im-
mediately incorporation is granted.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

A CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.

A championship match will be played to-
morrow between the Victoria and Vancou-
ver teams at the Caledonia grounds. The
visiting fifteen is expected to arrive this
evening by the steamer Princess Beatrice.
The opposing teams will line up at 3
o'clock promptly. An effort is being made
to drain the grounds and put them in good
condition for the match.

It is unnecessary to comment on the re-
lative strength of Vancouver and Vic-
toria teams. The latter, it is true, was
defeated at Nanaimo by a comparatively
large score. However, the strength of the
local fifteen cannot be judged by this re-
sult. Since then the team has been re-
organized, a number of heavy forwards and
several strong additions to the defence
have been secured, and, besides, Captain
Macrae has put the players through a thor-
ough course of training during the past
fortnight. As for the Vancouver fifteen
their strength is well known. They hold
the championship, and defeated the for-
midable Nanaimo team by a large score.

THE INTERMEDIATES.
At the Terminal City on Saturday, De-
cember 3rd, the Victoria intermediates will
play Vancouver on the latter team's
grounds.

COLLEGIATE WON.
Yesterday afternoon's match between the
Collegiate and High school junior teams
was won by the former, the score being
three points (one try) to nothing. The
grounds were in a deplorable condition
owing to the recent heavy rains, but, in
spite of mud, the boys played a fast game
throughout. At the close of the first half
there was no score. In the second period
the opposing fifteen played very evenly
until McConnell, of the Collegiate team,
took advantage of an opening and scored
a try. J. C. Barnack gave satisfaction as
referee.

BILLIARDS.

THE FIRST GAME.

Last evening the first match of the
Driard tournament was played between
Messrs. Howson and Doble, resulting in a
win for the former. The score was 250 to
223. Several games will take place to-
night.

THE RING.

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The management of the Victoria Boxing
Club has decided to turn over all the B. C.
amateur championship trophies to the Vic-
toria West Athletic Association. Explaining
this action, Rev. W. W. Bolton, presi-
dent of the club, said that the matter had
been thoroughly considered before the step
was decided upon. It was the general
opinion that much better results would be
obtained by bringing off the annual tour-
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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The proclamations for the civic elections are out. Nominations take place on Monday, December 5th, and elections on the following Monday, December 12th.

PHOENIX.

This past summer and fall the Canadian Pacific railway has had a good deal of trouble in getting water enough conveniently to supply the engines in this part of the Boundary, most of the ordinary supplies having failed entirely. As a consequence the company has been hauling water for some months from Greenwood to Elloit. Now, however, it is proposed to take steps that will prevent any shortage in the future. The proposition is to tap Loon or Bear lake, in Summit camp, and bring the water to the large tank at Elloit from one or two miles. If a tunnel is built it will cost nearly \$15,000, the alternate plan being to dig or flume the water three miles or more.

ROSSLAND.

George Winters, who has been at Creston for the past four months, has returned to the city for a few days for the purpose of looking after his mining and realty interests. Creston, he says, is the main gateway in Canada for farmers from Oregon, Washington and Idaho, who are en route for the wheat areas and stock ranges of the northwest. Many of them drive as far as Creston and there take train for their point of destination. One party came in a few days ago from Oregon. They had been 29 days on the road. Hundreds come in this way, and there seems to be no end to their coming. At first they come in parties of one, two or three. In a few weeks they return, stating that they have secured from 100 to 1,000 acres of land, and that they have come back for the purpose of taking their stock, implements, household furniture and families back to the Northwest. They are full of enthusiasm concerning the Northwest and say it is a wonderful country, and that land is very cheap there to what it will be in a few years from now. They say with plenty of land and the abundant crops which can be grown in the Northwest it will take only a few years for an energetic farmer to acquire a competence.

NELSON.

Maxwell Smith, Dominion government fruit inspector for the West, has been paying one of his regular official visits to Nelson and reports a very satisfactory improvement in the fruit packages found on the market here at present, as compared with those of last year. The inspector also reports a large increase in the importations of Ontario apples into Alberta, where he has been spending the past two weeks, and of a better grade than last year, although there is much to be desired in the grading of both Ontario and British Columbia apples, and a still higher standard will be expected next year. Mr. Smith says that the provincial fruit pest inspectors are to be congratulated on the rigid enforcement of the law against the importation of infected fruit from the south. Mr. Smith admitted that he had found several cases of false marking and improper packing on his present tour that would probably result in the prosecution of both the Ontario and British Columbia shippers, but declined to give any particulars pending investigation.

Tally Parr, of this city, was arrested on Thursday at Ymir, B. C., by the provincial police, trying to escape to the United States, it is alleged, for having committed two forgeries here. He was brought back here the same evening, and will appear before the magistrate today. Word was received Thursday of the death at Hayward, Cal., of Capt. John R. Gifford, formerly mine superintendent of the Silver King mine, of this city.

VANCOUVER.

Georgia Hewitson, a seventeen-year-old girl, who was sent to jail last year for attempting to poison her mother by putting poison in the coffee, was on Thursday liberated by Chief Justice Hunter. The girl was brought from New Westminster by the matron and taken into the Chief Justice's office, where she was handed over to the charge of her mother. She has promised to be good.

The police have lately received several inquiries for missing people. From Belknap on Wednesday a letter was received inquiring the whereabouts of Charles Philbrick, a man of 75 or 80 years of age, who was last heard of in Vancouver four or five years ago. The sister of Robert Addison in Seattle would also be pleased to hear something about him. She was married since she last heard from him, and thinks that, perhaps, on account of the change of name, his letters may not have reached her. The friends of W. T. Evans, who lives at Houghton, near Dunstable, Bedfordshire, England, would also like to hear something about him.

"After Saturday the whole of the B. C. Electric Railway Company's system on the Mainland will be run by power generated at the works at Lake Beautiful. Wednesday evening a test was made, the street railways of Vancouver and New Westminster, the inter-urban line and the entire lighting systems of both cities all being operated with great success. It was expected that when the winter rains came there would be sufficient water to generate the power necessary, and since the initial experiment has been successful, the entire system will be operated all winter in the same manner. This will result in the closing-down of the power-houses in this city and at Burnaby, and incidentally the saving of 300 tons of coal per day. If the tunnel between Lakes Beautiful and Coquitlam is completed, before the supply of water fails in the spring, the power-houses will be practically out of commission, and will only be held for emergencies. It is anticipated that the construction of the tunnel will be finished by the middle of April or early in May next, and this will furnish ample water all the time. The construction of a power-house, and the installation of machinery, the building of great concrete dams, one each at Lakes Beautiful and Coquitlam, the boring of the tunnel and the stringing of the 12 miles of wire to Vancouver, with a massive steel tower at Burnaby, are all parts of the definite plan which will cost nearly \$2,000,000. There will not only be power to operate the branches of the B. C. Electric Railway Company's system, but also for any industrial enterprises which may require electricity for motive purposes."—News-Advertiser.

The death occurred Wednesday evening of ex-Ald. Joseph Lamb Franklin, at his residence on Westminster avenue. He was 58 years of age. He leaves a widow and one son, H. J. Franklin. He was also a sister, Mrs. Garcia, resident in the city, and four brothers and sisters in the Old Country. Mr. Franklin was born in Bishop's Stortford, England, but had been a resident of Vancouver since 1880, and from 1892 to 1904 sat in the city council as a representative of Ward IV. He was a builder and contractor. He was also for several years a prominent member of the old Vancouver City band.

WHY THE JAPANESE WIN.

Their Faculty for Organization and Thought.

The victories at the Yalu and at Kinchuan have demonstrated beyond any dispute the ability of the Japanese armies to win battles, but they have not enabled the world to see clearly why this is so. The perfection of the military organization is apparent, the thoroughness of every detail is there, the men are brave, but all these do not explain everything. The men of other nations are brave, and yet they would never have stormed the heights of Nanshan. The reason is further to seek.

It is true that the magnificent training of the men and the superior weapons provided them have something to answer for. The knowledge of the ground by the generals in command, and the results of the reconnaissance, helped the results, but they were only further demonstrations of the fact that the Japanese are a race which combines the Oriental faculty for thought with the Occidental faculty for action.

The Power of Thinking.

There is no other race like this race, and there is no telling where it will stop. It is this ability to think out matters thoroughly that has enabled the Japanese to raise their forces to so high a point. Asked by a friend, what state the Japanese military hospitals were in, a Japanese minister replied simply: "I can only find that they are perfect." And accounts are proving every day that this description of the hospitals could with truth be applied to all branches of the army. To-day the Japanese army stands for the utmost that thought and science can do for soldiers.

By a wonderful system of adaptation and assimilation all the ideas of other nations have been taken, welded together, and the whole improved and made Japanese. What Japan has done ought to be possible to every nation—the facts and the information are there to be chosen from. But the personal foundation is missing, the material at the command of Japan is different from that in any other land.

Deceptive Appearances.

And yet at first sight it would appear as if there could never be found men less naturally fitted for soldiers. Largely drawn from an agricultural population, the conscripts are for the most part vegetarians, men who have never seen blood in their lives. The conditions of their homes are peaceful, and by temperament they are the happiest of men. What power exists then that is able to transform these peaceful farmers into the darderev heroes who storm the Russian entrenchments?

There are two great elements which must be taken into account. The first, and by far the greatest influence, is that exercised by ancestor-worship. The veneration of ancestors is universal in Japan, and has been so during even the feudal times. It is no exaggeration to say that every Japanese is an ancestor-worshipper. This entails upon him the onerous duty of so living that he shall be a good ancestor to his descendants. In Europe death ends the duties of a citizen, in Japan it only begins them. To know that for countless generations the family will gather together to venerate the memory of the departed cannot fail to have a great effect upon the soldier.

Ancestor Worship.

Disgrace on the field of battle does not affect him alone, it touches his family, his ancestors and his descendants. Every soldier feels in battle the countless eyes of his ancestors upon him, and the eyes of his descendants, yet unborn, and to do anything shameful is impossible. To disgrace himself would mean that his spirit would have to wander about unvenerated, his name would be wiped off the family rolls, and he would cease to exist in the future. How deeply this sentiment affects the nation may be gathered from the great attention that is paid to the granting of posthumous honors to soldiers and sailors who have died on the field of distinction. The second element which makes the soldiers what they are is the effect of the teachings of Bushido, the ethical code of chivalry. The most terrible of all disgraces, the most unforgivable of all sins, was to do anything shameful. The

Japanese soldiers combine the best advantages of a fanatic with those of thinking and intelligent individuals.

The Assault on Port Arthur.

The points raised by the Tientsin correspondent of the Morning Leader with regard to the likelihood of the immediate assault upon the great Russian fortress of the Far East are almost certain to be verified within the next two or three weeks. No time is to be lost in attacking Port Arthur. Full advantage will be taken of the demoralization of the garrison, fresh from the bloody work at Kinchuan. Prudence might counsel delay until the heavy siege guns could be placed in position, but there is little doubt that the Japanese mean to take the town by storm, with little artillery assistance. The fleet will assist, and the captured Russian guns may be used to bombard their own fortress, but the bulk of the work will fall upon the infantry and the bayonet. The very smallness physically of the Japanese soldiers is in their favor. In these days of quick-firing guns and rifles, the weight of a body of men counts for little in comparison with its effect in close quarters. A little man can fire a rifle as well as a big one, and it must not be forgotten that nowadays the final bayonet charge is delivered upon defenders who are broken and turning to fly. The bodies of the Japanese may be small, but their hearts and their courage are great enough to enable them to take any fortification in the world.

Port Arthur's Weakness.

The idea that Port Arthur is impregnable rests on no solid foundation. There are many forts, it is true, too many for the garrison to defend, and the general who found a weak spot in the narrow defenses of Kinchuan may be trusted to do the same in the widely-extended girdle of Port Arthur. What the Japanese do not know about the defenses of Port Arthur is not worth knowing. It is a remarkable fact that, while it has always been maintained that the seaward defenses were superior to those on the land side, Admiral Togo was able to find spots whence his vessels could bombard the town with impunity, no Russian guns covering them. If this is so to the sea, is it not likely to be so also to the land? Given a weak spot, and Gen. Oku will break through with comparatively small losses—without it he will have to sustain many more casualties, but the result will be the same. Port Arthur, its guns, men, and fleet will fall into the hands of the Japanese for the second time.—Alfred Stead.

Wednesday afternoon John Edwards, a journeyman shoemaker, was found dead in a slaughterhouse about a mile from Woodstock. It is supposed he had been dead since Sunday. Foul play is suspected.



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NOTICE

All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded on the south by the south boundary of Comox District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 50th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the B. & N. Railway Land Grant. LEONARD H. BOLL, Land Commissioner.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of Victoria, at their next sitting in Licensing Court, for a transfer of my license for the sale of wines and liquors by retail upon the premises situated at the corner of View and Douglas streets, in the City of Victoria, and known as the "Imperial Bar," to Charles W. Campbell. Dated the 12th day of November, 1904. DAVID A. BOSCOVITZ, Attorney-in-Fact for Jacob J. Schmidt.

SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF MINERALS ON DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA, THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES, AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Nor more than 320 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz.—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miners' certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of \$7.50 per annum for an individual, and from \$50 to \$100 per annum for a company, according to capital. A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,000 x 1,000 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the lode or vein. The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days if located within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction. The fee for recording a claim is \$5.

At least \$100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$1.00 an acre. Permission may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims containing iron and other metals in the Yukon Territory, of an area not exceeding 100 acres.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of a Royalty of 2 1/2 per cent. of the sales of the products of the location. Placer Mining.—Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—Placer mining claims generally are 100 feet square, and are renewable yearly. On the North Saskatchewan River claims are either bar or bench, the former being along the river and extending between high and low water mark. The latter includes bar diggings, but extends back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where steam power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be obtained.

Dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—A free-miner may obtain only two leases of a free mine for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior. To lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have valid claims, entries for bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan River, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark on each alternate leasehold.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each year, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each five miles or fraction is sufficient. Rental: \$10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of two and a half per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds \$10,000.

Dredging in the Yukon Territory.—Six leases of five miles each may be granted to a free miner for a term of twenty years, also renewable.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the 1st day of August in the year of the date of the lease. The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles within six years from such date. Rental, \$100 per mile for first year, and \$10 per mile for subsequent years. Royalty, same as placer mining.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory.—Creek, gulch, and hill claims shall not exceed 250 feet in length, measured on the base line or general direction of the creek or gulch, the width being 1,000 to 2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 250 feet square. Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days, if the claim is within the boundaries of the recorder's office. One extra day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction. The person or company obtaining a claim must hold a free miner's certificate.

The discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two or more persons, on the output of which no royalty shall be charged, the rest of the party, ordinary claims only. Entry fee, \$10. Royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent. on the value of the gold shipped from the Yukon Territory. The discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two or more persons, on the output of which no royalty shall be charged, the rest of the party, ordinary claims only. Entry fee, \$10. Royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent. on the value of the gold shipped from the Yukon Territory.

No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on each separate river, creek or gulch, but the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and such free miner may work their claims in partnership by filing notice and paying fee of \$2. A claim may be abandoned, and another claim may be obtained on the creek, gulch or river, by giving notice and paying a fee.

Work must be done on a claim each year to the value of at least \$200. A certificate that work has been done must be obtained each year; if not, the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned, be open to occupation and entry by a free miner. The boundaries of a claim may be defined absolutely by having a survey made and publishing notice in the Yukon Official Gazette.

Petroleum.—All unappropriated Dominion lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and within the Yukon Territory are open to prospecting for petroleum, and the Minister may reserve for an individual or company having machinery on the land to be prospected an area of 1,000 acres for such period as he may decide, the length of which shall not exceed three times the breadth. Should the prospector discover oil in paying quantities, and satisfactorily establish such discovery, an area not exceeding 640 acres, including the oil well, will be sold to the prospector at the rate of \$1 an acre, and the remainder of the tract reserved acres, namely, 1,280 acres, will be sold at the rate of \$3 an acre, subject to royalty at such rate as may be specified by Order in Council.

JAMES A. SMART, Deputy of the Minister of the Interior, Dept. Interior.

Municipal Voters' Lists

Will be received at the office of the undersigned until Monday, the 28th inst., at 4 p. m., for printing and binding the Municipal Voters' Lists. Samples of specification may be seen at the City Assessor's Office, City Hall. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C., Nov. 22nd, 1904.

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The latest returns received from Yale-Cariboo increase Duncan Ross's majority to 134. Peachland Camp, McKinney and Penitence give the Liberal a majority of 25, but the details are not yet to hand. The additional returns, including corrections from Kelowna and Okanagan Mission, follow:

Aspen Grove	10	5	0
Coldwater	5	2	0
Fairview	20	23	6
Summerland	22	18	0
Kelowna	55	36	1
Belleville	21	49	1
Okanagan Mission	12	13	1
Walden	2	4	5
Manitoba Lake	9	1	0
83-Mile House	6	2	0

FARMER'S WIFE MURDERED.
St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 24.—Mrs. George Gray, wife of a farmer near Agency, this county, was found at her home yesterday with her throat cut and her hands and feet pinioned. A posse is searching for the murderer.

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INQUIRY INTO THE ASSAULT CASE

PRELIMINARY HEARING WAS CONTINUED TO-DAY
The Motorer Describes Attack on the Conductor as He Saw It—Three Against One.

The case in which three men named Jasper, Wirth and Streck are charged with grievously wounding Alex. McLeod, conductor in the employ of the B.C. Electric Railway Company, on the night of November 12th, was resumed in the provincial police court this morning. Preceding the taking of testimony there was quite a discussion as to the magistrate's power to try this particular case summarily, but the upshot of the argument was a continuation on the original lines.

Wm. John Good, motorer, the first witness, swore he knew the accused by sight, and Wirth personally. There had been no trouble between witness or any of the accused. On the night of November 12th he was motorer on a car leaving town for Esquimalt at ten minutes after 11 o'clock. McLeod was the conductor. Witness saw Jasper board the front end of the car, and then go to the back. The car stopped at the Rock Bay hotel to let passengers off, and between two sharp rings to stop. He obeyed the rings. At the Pleasant street switch he noticed a scuffle inside the car. He went around to the back and saw Wirth and Streck trying to hold Jasper down on the seat.

The next unusual occurrence took place opposite the Canteen grounds' gate. There witness received a bell to stop, and noted that the car was stopped longer than was customary. Looking through the door to the rear he saw somebody spring across the back platform and attack Conductor McLeod. Witness went around to see what the matter was, and when he reached them, all four were in the road on the left hand side of the car. The three accused were attacking McLeod, striking at him several times. They were close to him, but he couldn't say whether any blows landed.

The conductor was backing up to the car in an attitude of defence. His cap was off and he had his fare box in his hand. Witness got between the accused and McLeod, and told the latter to get on the car. The conductor did so, and they proceeded to Esquimalt, McLeod being still without his cap.

On the return trip, as the car approached the Canteen grounds, witness saw several men standing near the Canteen gate. Some were on the track, among them being the accused and John Isbister. Witness stopped the car or those on the track would have been run over. They did not signal for him to stop. At this time McLeod was standing in the doorway immediately behind the witness. The three accused jumped on the car—two from the right and one from the left. They asked where the conductor was. Streck had no coat on, but all had their caps. When they asked for the conductor witness made no answer. They then saw McLeod and tried to strike him. In the meantime witness had started the car again. The accused continued striking at McLeod all the way up the hill. The conductor got between witness and the window, the three assailing him. Wirth caught hold of him on the left and the other two grabbed him on the right. Witness tried to keep them away from McLeod. At this juncture witness stopped the car, opposite the Coach and Horse. All the time the accused were struggling with McLeod, and eventually they pushed him through the left window, and then through the other window. His back and shoulders went through—over the ledge. Witness tried to keep McLeod's assailants away. He saw some people in front of the Coach and Horse as McLeod went through the second window. They had just arrived on the scene. Witness shouted to the newcomers to assist in putting the accused off, but they rendered no assistance. McLeod was in a crouching position in front of witness, having slipped down from the window. The conductor had a big cut on his nose, and was bleeding from both nose and mouth. He dropped his fare box on the platform.

The accused then got off quietly, witness persuading them to do so. McLeod continued to crouch down on the platform until the car was started. This time he examined his back, and found two pieces of glass. One was pulled from the outside of the coat under the right shoulder. The piece was about two and a half inches long, and resembled an arrow. The second piece was found under the left shoulder blade. Witness had to put his hand beneath McLeod's clothes to get the piece out. This piece resembled the

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HOW THE INDIANS ILLEGALLY FISH
BARRICADES BAR WAY TO SPAWNING BEDS

Cleverly Constructed Traps Which Seriously Affect Salmon Industry—Mr. Helgeson's Report.

An interesting account of the illegal methods adopted by the Indians for trapping salmon in the river and streams of the Babine country, as briefly mentioned by the Times, is given by H. Helgeson, an officer of the Dominion fisheries department, who recently returned from a tour of that district. He describes the tremendous slaughter of these fish on their way to the spawning beds by means of barricades built across the streams, recounts his interviews with the Indians, the destruction of these dams and traps, and in conclusion makes a number of recommendations, one of which provides for the appointment of several constables for different sections of the district. Mr. Helgeson claims that the Indians have been accustomed to securing a winter supply of food in this way for years, and that unless watched are likely to continue the extermination of fish in large quantities.

Introducing his report Mr. Helgeson says: "We borrowed a canoe, hired two men and started down the Babine river about miles, where we found two huge barricades half a mile apart, fishing being in full swing, while crowds of Indians could be seen on the banks. The barricades were constructed with an immense quantity of material, and on scientific principles. There were posts driven into the bed of the river, which is 200 feet wide and from two to four feet deep, sloping braces well bedded in the bottom were fastened to the posts and then painted beautifully made of slats woven together with bark were placed in front of all. These were firmly set, and reached four feet above the water, making a magnificent fence, which not a single fish could pass. On the upper side of the dam were placed twelve big traps or fish bins. These were opposite holes in the dam, allowing fish to enter. Slides were made so that the traps could be opened and shut at will. If there were not sufficient fish in them when the women wanted more the men would take their fish poles, made out in a line, striking the water and making a noise that filled the bins in a minute."

Following this description of the clever contrivances invented by the Indians for capturing the salmon, Mr. Helgeson tells of an interview with Atio, chief of the Indians of the Babine district. The inspector informed the chief that his mission was to destroy all barricades as well as to allow the salmon to reach the spawning grounds. The chief showed a disposition to argue the question. He contended that the Indians had an undeniable right to the salmon, and if the privilege was withdrawn the old people of the tribe would starve. It was unfair, he thought, to prohibit their catching fish for the market when the canners were allowed to do exactly the same thing. Continuing, Mr. Helgeson says: "I met all his arguments in a prompt manner, and set back those who showed a spirit of resistance by telling them they had committed a gross breach of law, and that if they resisted and did not destroy the barricades nothing would save them from punishment or imprisonment. At that a good number went to work in the ice-cold water chopping and breaking them down."

Estimating the number of salmon caught in these barricades daily, Mr. Helgeson says that on the day of their arrival between 500 and 600 sockeyes were landed. This, he thought, could be taken as a fair average.

Mr. Helgeson mentions the destruction of barricades at Titchie, Titchie or Parce river, at Fifteen Mile river and at Beaver river. The fish traps at Fifteen Mile were found deserted. About 2,000 salmon were counted hanging on racks. After the destruction of barricades Mr. Helgeson and party took an Indian trail and discovered a permanent dam further up stream. A big cottonwood tree had been felled across the river, stakes and brushwood piled in front. Mr. Helgeson then continued: "There was a multitude of dead fish in front of it. The dam was almost as tight as a bottle. Well, what a horrible stench, we chopped out the log, pulled the brush on shore, and cleared the centre of the channel."

At Beaver river barricades were of a peculiar design. Trunks six feet wide opened from the barricade leading to bins forty feet above the dam, where fish had accumulated. Here also everything was demolished.

"As I have already stated," says Mr. Helgeson, "that no fish could get through the two great barricades at Babine, the question may rightly be asked how do the salmon get into the lake? But this is easily explained. The Babine people do not care for the few stragglers that come along first. They close their barricades when the fish begin to run well. So it can easily be seen that only part of the first run reach the lake."

Commenting on the capture of branded salmon, Mr. Helgeson remarks: "I was shown a salmon got into the lake at Kiskia, which is branded on both sides with the letter 'W' or 'M.' The Indians caught several of them this year for the first

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